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In re Application of

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For:

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

The following Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2003.

REMARKS

At the time of the Office Action dated June 19, 2003, claims 1-16 were pending in this application. Of those claims, claims 1-2, 7-13 and 15 have been rejected. Applicants acknowledge, with appreciation, the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6, 14 and 16 contain allowable subject matter.

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